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characters from them, as of certain cespitose rhizomes especially, it is almost impossible to determine the age. The study of the stem does not show any result applicable to classification, and though as regards the leaf there are structural differences, the author concludes that the anatomical study of the genus is not an appreciable help towards the determination of the species.

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*Remarques sur Quelques Espèces du Genre Polygonum de l'Herbier du Jardin Botanique de l'Etat à Bruxelles*, par Robert Keller. (Compt. Rend. Sèan. Soc. Roy. Bot. Belg. Année 1891, 44-49).

The references to American species of this genus make the article one of special interest to our botanists. The author has been able to note numerous varieties and modifications in the following species: *Polygonum sagittatum*, *P. Meisnerianum*, *P. pedunculare* and *P. polymorphum*. The first named is divided into Meisner's two principal varieties, *Sibiricum* and *Americanum*, but the claim is made that this does not sufficiently differentiate, especially between specimens of the latter group, and a new variety, *pubescens*, is described, from specimens collected in "wet grounds near Troy, N. Y., Leg. A. Puissant, 1870." In the last-named species the variety *foliosum* is described as new. The author's method of still further subdividing varieties appears to be decidedly of the hair-splitting order, and we hardly feel like adopting such a system as includes *Polygonum polymorphum*, Ledeb., var. *foliosum*, modificatio *glaucescens* and mod. *latifolia*, Keller.

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### Editor's Notices.

On account of press of other material, the "Index to Recent Literature Relating to American Botany" is omitted this month.

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